

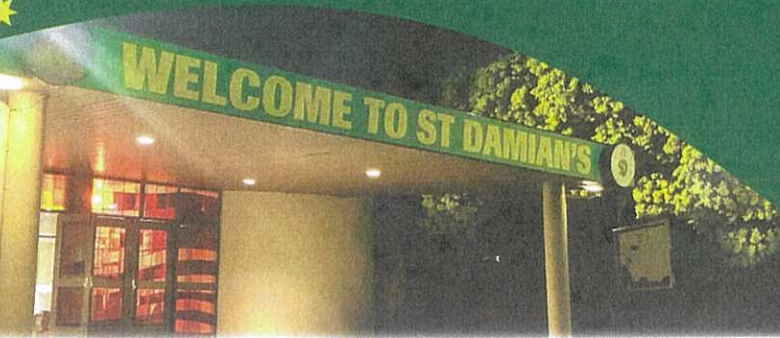


# St Damian's Catholic Church

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## WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 9.15am

Thursday: 9.15am

Friday: 9.15am

First Saturday: 9.15am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5pm and during monthly Holy Hour

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at

5.30pm in the Dunlop Room. Parents should

contact the Parish Office to make necessary

arrangements. One month notice is required.

## ST. DAMIAN'S SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Rosanna Piccolo

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## HOLY HOUR

One hour of Novena, Confession and  
Benediction after morning Mass on the first  
Friday of the Month.

## MARRIAGES

Those intending to marry at St. Damian's  
should arrange to meet the Parish Priest  
at least 6 months in advance of the  
proposed date.

## St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

All enquiries: 1300 305 330

# First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2024

### THIS WEEKEND

*Jer 33:14-16;*

*1 Thess 3:12-4:2;*

*Lk 21:25-28,34-36.*

### NEXT WEEK

*Baruch: 5:1-9*

*Phil 1:4-6, 8-11*

*Lk 3:1-6*

### PSALM

#### To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are  
God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the  
humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.

#### To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant  
us your salvation

**Alleluia!**

### FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 3rd December: St Francis Xavier

Sat 7th December: St Ambrose

**Recent Deaths:** Noel Andrew Jeffery, Ramona Rodriguez, Sr Antonietta Letizia Selle SJBP

**Anniversaries:** Andrea Faustina, Jason Howard, Giuseppina Garra, Vittorio Gizzi

**Sick:** Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, Teresita Calma

## Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people

As required by law, we as the Church and Parishes have a moral, legal and ethical responsibility to care for, and promote the wellbeing of children and young people; and protect them from harm or abuse. Therefore while in church or on parish grounds: *\*Please ensure you know exactly where your child is if they're not beside you. \*Please accompany your child (16 years and younger) if they need to leave the church for any reason (eg: going to toilet or car, etc...)*

### REFLECTION FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

Dear Friends in Christ,



The 1st Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and a season of preparation. We are invited to reflect on the coming of Jesus - both at Christmas and at the end of time. Advent is a journey of hope, love, and vigilance, where we grow closer to Him in anticipation of His arrival.

Today's readings guide us in this sacred preparation:

Prophet Jeremiah assures us of God's promise: "I will raise up for David a just shoot." This prophecy is a beacon of hope, reminding us that even in challenging times, God's faithfulness brings justice and salvation.

The Responsorial Psalm echoes this hope: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul." This heartfelt prayer invites us to place our trust in God and turn to Him with expectant hearts.

St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, calls us to grow in love and holiness. This is a reminder that Advent is not just about external preparations but also about inward transformation - making our hearts a dwelling place for Christ.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus warns of signs and distractions that can overwhelm us. He urges us to stay awake and vigilant, focusing on God's kingdom and avoiding the busyness that can take our attention away from His presence.

What can we learn from this?

1. Hope in God's faithfulness: Just as Jeremiah's prophecy pointed to the coming of the Saviour, we too can trust that God fulfills His promises, no matter how long the wait may seem.
2. Prepare with love: Advent is a time to go beyond decorating our homes. Let us prepare our hearts with acts of kindness, forgiveness, and generosity, sharing God's love with others.
3. Remain vigilant: In a world full of distractions, staying focused on prayer, reflection, and the true meaning of this season helps us remain ready for Christ's coming.

As we embark on this Advent journey, let us renew our faith, live in love, and await the Lord with joyful hope. Come, Lord Jesus, and prepare our hearts to receive You. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

| Roster: 7th & 8th December 2024 |                                  |                                              |              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mass Time                       | Reader / Responder               | Eucharist / Welcome                          | Piety        | Counters              | Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5.30pm                          | J. Mercado<br>M. Joyce           | M. Jones<br>D. Mash<br>P. Cosgrove           | M. Parmender | E & N<br>Mana Lansan  | Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.<br>Eucharistic Ministers Please remember you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter. |
| 8.00am                          | O. Carvalho<br>V. Della- Vecchia | A. Della-Vecchia<br>C. Love<br>C. Fitzgerald | S. Watson    | Supervisor<br>D. Mash |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10.00am                         | J. Sobey<br>J. Venturini         | J. Tonkin<br>P. Del Popolo<br>L. Careri      | S. O'Conner  | ICM Ministries        |                                                                                                                                                                                         |

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the WURRUNDJERI People. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



#### @. ADVENT: SEASON OF HOPE & EXPECTATION

THURSDAYS: 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Venue: Dunlop Room, St Damian's Parish

Facilitator: Sr. Sue Barker SGS

#### @. ANNOINTING MASS FOR ALL

Wednesday 18th December at 9.15am, followed morning tea.

#### @. THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm & followed by Supper in the hall.

#### @. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Rites

#### @. CHRISTMAS CAROLS PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December @ 7:00pm to 8.00pm

#### @. 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

7:30PM FAMILY MASS

9:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

10:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

#### @25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: WEDNESDAY,

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM & 10:00AM

**NOTICE:** This Christmas Eve, we warmly invite you to our Family/Children's Mass at 7:30 PM, with carols starting at 7:00 PM. To make this celebration even more joyful, I encourage all children to dress up as their favourite Nativity

characters: Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Donkey, Sheep, Wise Men, and more. Let's bring the Nativity story to life through their participation and joy. Thank you for your support in making this a special and memorable evening for our parish community.

### SPECIAL CELEBARTION IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm Mass  
St. Damian's Church, Bundoora. All Welcome

Dear Parishioners,

It is with deep sorrow that I inform you of the passing of Sister Antonietta Letizia Selle, SJBP, on 26 November 2024.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to her convent sisters, especially Sisters Mary, Dorren, Candida, Nelia, and Del, as they grieve the loss of a beloved member.

The funeral for Sr. Letizia will take place at our church on Wednesday, 4th December. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- Viewing: 11:00 AM
- Rosary: 11:30 AM
- Funeral Mass: 12:00 PM

We pray that Sister Letizia may now enjoy eternal rest in the peace of Christ. May she rest in peace.  
In Christ,

### The Piety Shop



Many beautiful nativities both large and small are now available as are a variety of Christmas ornaments and cards. Also in stock is the 2025 Columban Calendar at only \$11.00 the Calendar makes an excellent gift for family and Friends and helps support the missionaries. There are also advent calendars.

- Anne- Marie

### 1st Collection

**BSB: 083347 Account: 660192933**

Thanksgiving Offering To support:

1. Parish running costs
2. Parish pastoral initiatives
3. Diocesan and various services

**We appreciate all donations, In the narrative please add your name and envelope number. Thank you**

### 2nd Collection

**BSB: 083347: Account: 661001801**

Presbytery Offering To support:

1. Fr. Dong Tran
2. Sick and retired priests
3. Priests in needy parishes
4. Archbishop & auxiliary bishops

**We appreciate all donations, In the narrative please put your name and envelope number. Thank you**

## St Damian's Parish Prayer

*Lord, our God, your parish family thanks you for the faith we all share.*

*Make us a people who care for one another and may we have a genuine concern for the wider community.*

*Help our parents to give good example;  
Give our children the grace of love and respect.  
Fill our youth with wisdom, hope and vision;  
Their Leadership is the future of our Church and our Nation.  
To our sick— grant health;  
To those of advancing years—serenity;  
And to those in sorrow— your peace and joy.*

*Lord, our God, deepen our love and strengthen our faith.  
Jesus, nourish us with your Word and Eucharist.  
Holy Spirit, direct us in all we do and help us to say always:*

*"Lord, it is good for us to be here."*

*This is our home, be with us as we continue to build your kingdom on earth.*

*St Damian Pray for us*

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